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Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made
by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat Acts

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 28th August, 2024

GUJARAT COMPULSORY TEACHING AND LEARNING OF GUJARATI LANGUAGE ACT, 2023

No: GH/SH/45/JSB/12/2023/208/N:- WHEREAS certain draft rules were published as required by sub section (1) of section 12 of the Gujarat Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Act, 2023 (Guj. 4 of 2023), at pages 108-1 to 108-4 in the Gujarat Government Gazette, Extraordinary, Part IV-B, dated the 6th June, 2024, under the Government Notification Education Department No.GH/SH/32/JSB/12/2024/208/N, dated the 6th June, 2024, inviting objections or suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said notification in the *Official Gazette*;

AND WHEREAS no objection or suggestion has been received by the Government in respect of the said notification;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 12 of the Gujarat Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Act, 2023 (Guj. 4 of 2023), the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) These rules may be called the Gujarat Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.

2. Definitions.

- (1) In this rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "Act" means the Gujarat Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Act, 2023 (Guj. 4 of 2023).
 - (b) 'Competent Authority' means the competent authority appointed by the Government under section 4 of the Act.
 - (c) "District Education Officer" means the District Education Officer having jurisdiction on the remaining areas other than mentioned in clause (d) of sub-rule (1).
 - (d) "District Primary Education Officer" means the District Primary Education Officer having jurisdiction on the area of concerned District Panchayat and the area comprised of Municipal Corporation and Municipality where the District Panchayat is entrusted with the duty to provide the Primary Education under the Gujarat Primary Education Act, 1947.
 - (e) "Elementary Education" means the education from first class to eighth class as defined in clause (f) of section 2 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009).
 - (f) "GCERT" means the Gujarat Council of Educational Research and Training.
 - (g) "Government" means the Government of Gujarat.
 - (h) "Section" means a section of the Act.
 - (i) "School" means,
 - (i) any school imparting any class of elementary education, established and maintained by the Government or the Local Bodies; or
 - (ii) any school imparting any class of elementary education, established and administered or maintained by any private educational agency including minority school established and administered under clause (1) of article 30 of the Constitution of India, whether receiving aid out of the State fund or not; or
 - (iii) such other schools which are running in the State of Gujarat and have affiliation with any Board;
 - (j) "State" means the State of Gujarat.
- (2) The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

3. Gujarati as a compulsory language.-**(1) Academic year to be introduced Gujarati Language Learning:-**

- (i) In those schools which have not introduced the teaching of Gujarati as a compulsory language from the academic year 2023-24. Under sub section (2) of section 3 of the Act, shall introduce the teaching of Gujarati as an additional language in standard-1 from the academic year 2024-25 and in a like manner shall be extended up to 8th standard in the phased manner as stated below:-

Academic year	Standard
2024-25	1 st Standard
2025-26	1 st and 2 nd Standard
2026-27	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Standard
2027-28	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd and 4 th Standard
2028-29	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd 4 th and 5 th Standard
2029-30	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th and 6 th Standard
2030-31	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th 6 th and 7 th Standard
2031-32	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th 6 th 7 th and 8 th Standard

- (ii) In schools other than Gujarati medium schools, where 1st standard is not an initial class, shall start the teaching of Gujarati as an additional language at initial class level itself and in a like manner shall be extended up to 8th standard in the phased manner from the academic year mentioned in the above table.

(2) Schools to give self-declaration of introduction of Gujarati Language in their school

- (i) All the existing schools other than Gujarati medium schools of the State, shall compulsorily start the teaching of Gujarati as an additional language in accordance with sub-rule(1) and shall proactively provide the self-declaration in Annexure-I to the concerned District Primary Education Officer/District Education Officer within 3 months from the date of this rules published in the *Official Gazette*.
- (ii) New schools shall provide such self-declaration in Annexure-I at the time of making an application.

4. Textbooks/course material prescribed for teaching Gujarati as an additional language compulsorily.-

- (1) The textbooks course material prescribed for teaching Gujarati as an additional language in all medium schools other than Gujarati medium as developed by GCERT from time-to-time, shall be applicable.
- (2) The GCERT shall issue a guideline about appropriate textbooks / course material for teaching and learning of Gujarati language in cases of the students who have migrated to Gujarat from other States and are seeking admission in 2nd to 8th standard and not seeking exemption under section 6 of the Act.

5. Duties of the Competent Authority

- (1) The Competent Authority, through District Primary Education Officers/District Education Officers, shall identify all schools other than Gujarati medium schools, under the jurisdiction of their respective educational district/city at the beginning of the academic year.
- (2) Necessary action shall be taken to implement Gujarati Language Teaching and Learning compulsorily in such schools other than Gujarati medium schools and in case where exemption under section 7 of the Act is given, the Competent Authority shall issue necessary circulars and guidelines in this regard to the Schools at the beginning of the academic year.
- (3) The District Primary Education Officers/District Education Officers of each educational district/city, shall consolidate and keep a record of a school wise report regarding implementation status of Gujarati Language Teaching and Learning in the schools (other than Gujarati medium schools) under their respective jurisdiction. The status report of the implementation of the Act and these rules shall be communicated time-to-time by the District Primary Education Officers/District Education Officers to the Competent Authority starting from 3 months of publication of these rules. The same process may be adhered within 3 months of start of every following academic year.
- (4) If any complaints are received by the Competent Authority in this regard against the schools which have not complied with the provisions of the Act and these rules, the Competent Authority shall conduct an inquiry under section 8 of the Act.
- (5) Before conducting an inquiry the concerned District Primary Education Officers/District Education Officers shall take necessary action. He shall visit such school, verify the necessary documents, serve a notice, or take appropriate action.
- (6) The inquiry shall be conducted by the Competent Authority within fifteen days from the date of serving the notice by giving an opportunity of being heard to such school. In case, the allegation levelled against schools is proved after inquiry, the Competent Authority shall impose a penalty on such school in accordance with section 8 of the Act.
- (7) The Competent Authority shall ensure that all the schools other than Gujarati medium schools have implemented the Gujarati Language Learning Compulsorily by teaching Gujarati as an additional language using Gujarati textbooks/course material as prescribed in rule 4 and adequate textbooks/course material are available for such students.

ANNEXURE – I**SELF-DECLARATION OF INTRODUCTION OF GUJARATI LANGUAGE IN THE SCHOOL****(See rule 3 (2))**

(to be executed on appropriate stamp)

To,

The DPEO / DEO

Name of District.

Gujarat.

Sir / Madam,

I herewith declare the compliance with the norms of the Gujarat Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Act, 2023 and the rules there under and introduced Gujarati as an additional language in our school (with below mentioned description) with effect from ____/____/____.

- Name of the school:
- UDise Code of the School:
- Address of the School:
- Schedule of introduction of the Gujarati Language in the standards of the School:
(refer Rule no 3)

I guarantee that the information I am providing here is true and if proved to be false, I will be fully responsible and liable to the departmental, civil as well as criminal proceedings against me and the organization / trust.

Yours faithfully,

Name and Signature of Managing Trustee /President / Secretary / Board Member of the Organization

Name and Signature of the witness:

Date –

Place –

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

ASHISH CHAUDHRY,

Under Secretary to Government.

